

REMARKS

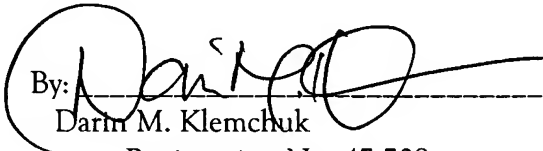
The Applicant has amended the specification to correct the formalities identified in paragraphs 3 and 9 of the Office Action and to correct some typographical errors in the original specification. The Applicant also amended the abstract to bring it into conformance with MPEP § 608.01(b). The Applicant has cancelled original Claims 1-4 and has submitted new Claims 5-24. The Applicant believes that the new claims overcome the Office Action's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 112.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to make the above amendments, withdraw all pending rejections, and allow the patent to issue. Any questions regarding this response should be directed undersigned attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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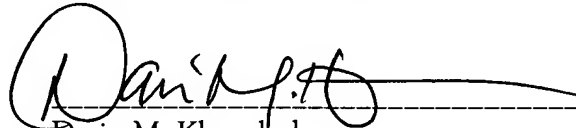
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